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Newsletter for Diamond Bar Residents and Businesses

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El Niño Winter Storm Preparedness

The weather condition known as El Niño is expected to provide approximately 15 major storms from late Winter through Spring 2016. While the rainstorms will not end the drought, they will provide needed rainfall to the State.

Los Angeles County Public Works has created a useful website at <http://www.lacounty.gov/elniño> that provides very useful steps on how to prepare for the coming rains, such as create a Family Emergency Plan, stockpile food and water, and clear drainage or V-ditches on hillsides of any debris.:



Be Prepared, Stay Informed

10 Ways to Weather El Niño

1. **Create an emergency kit, today!** If you've already got an emergency kit prepared, check it regularly.
2. **Check your car.** Make sure your car's tires have good tread and that your windshield wipers work well. Your headlights should always be on in the rain!
3. **Check your house.** Clear your outdoor drains and gutters of any leaves, dirt or debris. Secure trash, recycling bins and any other items that have the potential of blowing or floating away. Have weakened trees inspected by an arborist.
4. **Get flood insurance?** Consider purchasing flood insurance. Keep in mind, most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period.
5. **Use sandbags.** Sandbags can be utilized to help protect your
6. **Don't risk your life.** During significant storm events, avoid waterways, flood control channels and the ocean, which can all rapidly swell and become extremely dangerous. NO PLACE outside is safe when lightning is in the area!
7. **Have Emergency Alerts sent to your mobile phone and email.** Register at lacounty.gov/emergency, or simply search "Alert LA County" on the web.
8. **Download "The Works."** LA County's FREE app for iPhone and Android, to report storm-related problems.
9. **Prevent stormwater pollution.** Rain washes everything into storm drains that lead to our rivers and ocean. Secure household hazardous waste with tight-fitting lids and store these items in covered areas.
10. **Capture rainwater.** Prepare your landscaped areas to capture and retain more water by using compost. Collect rain that falls on your

Additional information is available on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/storm or by calling 909.839.7013.

Prepare Your Emergency Documentation

In the event of a fire, earthquake, or flood, it is important to have copies of important documentation such as homeowners and auto insurance policies and contact information to file claims. These items can be placed in your emergency kit, and will provide you with peace of mind should you need to leave your home and initiate the claims process.

Residents and businesses should also take the time to verify insurance limits are sufficient to protect the physical structure, as well as any personal property. For additional information, consult with your insurance professional or visit the California Department of Insurance website at <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>.

Sandbag Reminder

Residents can visit the following Fire Stations to get free sandbags:

- Fire Station 119: 20480 Pathfinder Rd. - 909.598.4290
- Fire Station 121: 346 Armitos - 909.396.0164

Residents are limited to 25 sandbags and are required to fill their own bags. Call ahead for availability.

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